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Idaho Crop Estimates for 2009

Idaho's potato production totaled 131 million cwt, up 12 percent from 2008, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average yield from the 319,000 harvested acres was 411 cwt per acre, 28 cwt more than 2008 and 25 cwt above the previous record yield set in 2006.

Idaho sugarbeet production totaled 5.59 million tons, up 54 percent from 2008's production. Harvested acreage, at 163,000, was up 47,000 acres from 2008. Yield of 34.3 tons per acre, was up 3.1 tons from last year.

All wheat production in Idaho totaled 99.1 million bushels, up 1 percent from 2008. Average yield of 79.3 bushels per acre was up from 73.8 bushels per acre in 2008. Acres harvested totaled 1.25 million, down 80,000 acres from 2008. Idaho's 2009 winter wheat crop totaled 56.7 million bushels from 700,000 harvested acres, down 5 percent from 2008's 60.0 million bushels. The average yield of 81.0 bushels per acre is up 6 bushels from 2008. The State's spring wheat production totaled 40.8 million bushels from 530,000 harvested acres, up 9 percent from 2008. Average yield of 77.0 bushels per acre was up 5 bushels from 2008. Idaho's 2009 durum wheat production totaled 1.62 million bushels from 20,000 harvested acres, up 122 percent from 2008. The average yield for durum was 81.0 bushels per acre, up 8 bushels from 2008.

Barley production in Idaho totaled 48.5 million bushels from 510,000 harvested acres, down 3 percent from 2008's production. The average yield of 95.0 bushels per acre was up 9 bushels from 2008 and a new record high for Idaho. Oat production, at 1.95 million bushels, was up 41 percent from 2008. Producers harvested 25,000 acres and averaged 78.0 bushels per acre.

All dry hay production for Idaho totaled 5.53 million tons from 1.51 million harvested acres. This compares to 5.59 million tons from 1.41 million acres in 2008. The average dry hay yield for Idaho was 3.66 tons per acre, down from 3.96 tons last year. All haylage and greenchop production totaled 803,000 tons from 80,000 harvested acres.

Corn harvested for grain totaled 14.4 million bushels, up 6 percent from last year. Acres harvested for grain totaled 80,000. Yield was estimated at 180.0 bushels per acre, up from 170.0 bushels per acre last year and a new record high. Corn harvested for silage was 5.91 million tons, up 2 percent from last year and also a new record high. Average yield from 215,000 harvested acres was 27.5 tons per acre, up 0.5 ton from last year.

Dry Bean production totaled 1.98 million cwt, up 35 percent from 2008. Average yield from 99,000 harvested acres was 2,000 pounds per acre, up 150 pounds from 2008.

Dry edible pea production in Idaho was estimated at 779,000 cwt, up 44 percent from 2008's production. Average yield from 41,000 harvested acres was 1,900 pounds per acre, up 400 pounds from the previous year. Idaho's 2009 lentil production totaled 650,000 cwt, up 85 percent from 2008. Average yield from 52,000 harvested acres was 1,250 pounds per acre, an increase of 300 pounds from 2008. Austrian Winter Pea production in Idaho totaled 96,000 cwt, up 71 percent from 2008. Average yield was 1,600 pounds per acre from 6,000 harvested acres.

Canola production totaled 24.7 million pounds from 14,500 harvested acres. This compares to 29.0 million pounds from 21,500 harvested acres in 2008.

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